Controller Downey Rules Commissioners Have Power to Make Contracts. However.

Power to contract, but not to july plete construction of the bridge acros-Creek on the line of Q streetup to \$275,000 as the total cost of con truction-still vests in the board of Commissioners of the District of Co-

The controller of the Treasury, George E. Downey, finds that there is no appropriation available for the purpose any contract entered into after the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914. He also decides that the authority of the board of Commissioners to enter into "contract or contracts for the con-struction of said bridge and its ap-proaches at a total cost not to exceed \$275,000 "is still in effect and unaffected by the fact that no appropriation is available for payments under contracts made since June 30, 1914, or that may be made hereafter. be made hereafter.

Careful Consideration Given.

"I have given very careful considera-Hon to arguments presented both personally and by brief since this ques-tion has been in this office, and I am so fully informed of the unfortunate conditions necessarily resulting from this holding." comments Controller Downey, "that I would be glad to be convinced that there was tangible street northwest basis for a different ruling, especially since it is apparent that Congress did not intend anything else than that this bridge should be completed and that there should be money available to pay for it. But, nevertheless, Congress must be presumed to have legislated with full knowledge of its own restrictive acts and of the effect necessarily Q street northwest.

to be given its action in this particular matter.

What Congress Assumed.

"It assumed, no doubt, that within the period of more than fifteen months to lapse between the making of the last appropriation and the end of the fiscal ear tall all necessary contracts with respect to the bridge would be made, and by its action as to this last legislation it may have intended to so require. it may have intended to so require.

"The necessities of the case as they now present themselves furnish a motive, but they can furnish no basis for a holding that appropriations are now available. I can find in the able arguments presented no sufficient ground for such a holding in the face of the considerations already stated."

Deaths Reported.

ported to the health department dur-ing the past twenty-four hours: James Gibson, 70 years, 3d and H streets northeast Joseph Kincheloe, 51 years, Sibley

Emma Martin, 53 years, Providence Hospital. William V. Moore, 57 years, 613 H street northwest. Hiram Johnson, 71 years, 1814 16th street northwest Julia G. Walker, 37 years, Potomac

Hospital.

Charity A. Chase, 76 years, 732 11th street northwest Joseph A. Ryan, 49 years, Washington

Asylum Hospital.

George Meese, 65 years, George Washington University Hospital.

Bertha Johnson, 29 years, Washington Asylum Hospital.

Mary Williams, 67 years, 150 L street wonthers. David A. Clark, 60 years, 1013 19th Martha Rollins, 78 years, 926 Snow Camilla Brown, 35 years, 311 Elm



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Old Potatoes, Fancy Green Mountain, pk.....20c

New Potatoes ? Fancy No. 1 Stock, Per Peck...

This price on new potatoes guaranteed for tomorrow and Thursday only.

BREAD, 3 Loaves 10c

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ARIS, June 15, 2:80 p.m.:

War Officially Reported.

An attack by the enemy against the

Quenneviere was repulsed.

DR. LEON L. FRIEDRICH

for Two Years-Funeral Set

for Thursday.

Dr. Leon L. Friedrich, fifty-eight

years old, one of the prominent physi-

Active in Masonic Circles.

Returning to Washington he began

engaged in it from that time until his

Bankers and Marine Insurance In-

terests of New York Are

Gratified.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Bankers and

marine insurance interests here were

gratified today by news from London

a cargo of American cotton seized

while en route to Sweden In March. and April Great Britain detained in all twenty-six ships, carrying 200,000 bales of cotton, valued at \$12,000,000. Drafts

drawn against these ships were discounted by banks and trust companies

in New York. They fall due within a

few days, and anxiety had been ex-

pressed over the possibility of losses from delay on the part of Great Brit-

Consigned to Neutrals.

Most of the cotton seized and taken

to British ports was consigned to Hol-land, Sweden or Denmark. The Brit-

ish order in council directed that it be

In order to expedite payments for the cotton the law firm of Harrington, Bingham & Englare of this city, repre-

Early Action Expected.

At the office of the law firm it was

said that they expect that all the de-

tained cotton will be dealt with under

this plan within the next few days. To safeguard the shippers against lawsuits

by consignees who fail to receive their

by consignees who fail to receive their cargoes, the law firm'has arranged with the foreign office that payments made on the detained cotton should be considered as on account. This was intended to leave the way open for a claim by the cotton shipper against the British government for any damages which the court might award to the consignees in Europe.

Greek King Still Weak.

The general condition of King Con-

stantine of Greece continues satisfactory according to a bulletin received at the legation here early today. His majesty is still very weak, but his

the legation here early today. His majesty is still very weak, but his temperature is only slightly above normal.

ain in paying for the cotton.

trenches occupied by us June 6 at

GERMAN STATEMENT.

No official statement by the German var office was received in the United States last night or today. The state-ment issued yesterday follows: Western theater of war: The French suffered a severe defeat on the front between Lieven and Arras. After the enemy's columns, which were prepar enemy's columns, which were preparing to make an advance by storm
had been repulsed several times in
the course of the day by our artillery, strong enemy attacks in close
formation were begun toward evening against our positions on both
sides of the Lorette hills and on the
Neuville-Roclincourt front. Our opponents were repulsed everywhere ponents were repulsed everywhere with heavy losses. All our positions are firmly in our hands. Minor attacks by the enemy on the

Yser canal were repulsed. East of Hebuterne infantry battles East of Hebuterne infantry battles have not led to any results worth mentioning. Advances against positions compared by us in Champagne were frustrated at the very outset. Eastern theater of war. In the neighborhood of Kuzie, northwest of Shavli, a few enemy positions were taken. Three officers and 300 men were taken prisoners. Southeast of the road from Mariampol to Kevno our troops took the first Russian line by storm. Three officers and 313 men were captured.

Southeastern theater of war: Gen. von Southeastern theater of war: Gen. von Mackensen began an attack over a line extending seventy kilometers (forty-three miles). Starting from their positions at Cyerniawa, northwest of Mosciska, and at Sieniawa the enemy's positions have been taken along the entire length of this front. Sixteen thousand prisoners fell into our hands yesterday. Attacks by the troops under Gen. von Linsingen and Gen. von der Marwitz also made progress.

AUSTRIAN STATEMENT.

TENNA, June 11, via London, June 15 in the Russian war theater the allied armies again attacked yesterday in After stubborn fighting the Russian front to the east and southeast of Jaroslaw was broken and the enemy was forced to retreat,

with very heavy losses. with very heavy losses, ince last night the Russians have also been retreating near Mosciska and to the southeast of that place. We captured yesterday 16,000 Russians, sattles south of the Dniester are continuing. Near Derzow, south of Mikolaiow, our troops repulsed four strong attacks. The enemy was routed from the battlefield.

from the battlefield.
orthwest of Zurawna the allied troops advanced against Zydaczow yesterday and captured it after heavy fighting. North of Tlamez an attack is also in progress. Many prisoners, the number of whom has not been the number of whom has not been fixed, have fallen into our hands. North of Zale Szczyky the Russians attacked after 11 o'clock at night on a front of three kilometers (nearly two miles) but the attack failed under the fire of our troops, with great losses to the enemy. Italian war theater: A battle occurred near Plava June 12. (Deletion by the censor). Late yesterday evening our troops repulsed a fresh attack. The Italians have succeeded nowhere

The Italians have succeeded nowhere in piercing our front on the Isonzo. On the Carinthian-Tyrolean frontier there has been no incident of impor

alkan war theater: South of Ardorac saikan war theater: South of Ardorac one of our field guards repulsed an attack of about 200 Montenegrins after a brief fight. Otherwise the southeastern situation remains un-changed.

PETROGRAD, June 14, via London,

RUSSIAN STATEMENT.

PETROGRAD, June 14, via London,
June 15:

On the Windau river. Sunday, we repulsed the enemy's repeated attempts to cross the river with strong forces in the neighborhood of Litazkow, and in the neighborhood of Litazkow, and also checked all attempts of the enemy forces, which had already crossed at this point, to assume the of-

The battle for possession of the position near Shavli continues, with alternating success. The town of Shavli certain success. The town of Shavli cettes, having been a member of the cettes, having been a member of the cettes, having been a member of the cettes.

rials, supported by other units, made counter attacks today and took eight officers and 400 men prisoners.

BELGIAN STATEMENT.

Havre, June 15:

Ouring the night of June 12-13 of-fensive actions, along the entire front were marked by an effective artillery fire. We sent forward a that the British government had paid detachment on the right bank of the an installment of more than \$300,000 on Yser toward Dixmude. The enemy, who attempted to recover the post, was dispersed by the fire of our ma-German artillery showed little ac ity Sunday, bombarding but mild-various points on the lines com-sing Ramscapelle, Pervyse, Ost-rke and Noordschoote. Our artil-

replied energetically. TURKISH STATEMENT.

ONSTANTINOPLE ,June 14, vin wireless to Berlin and London, June 15: on the Caucasian front we occupied enemy positions in the direction of Olti (on the Russian border in Transcaucasia).

May 24 an aviator who went up from an English cruiser near Endian ish order in council directed that it be (Khuzistan province, Persia) was disposed of in England at the contract

ITALIAN STATEMENT.

ROME, June 14, via Paris, June 15: ROME, June 14, vin Paris, June 15:

There have been no important developments along the Tyrol-Trentino frontier. The enemy persistently attacked Montepiano at night, after an all-day bombardment from Forts Platz and Wiese, but was repulsed each time.

Our artillery caused the explosion of ammunition depots toward Corte, in the Cortayole valley and servers. There have been no important devel-

all-day bombardment from Forts Platz and Wiese, but was repulsed each time. Our artillery caused the explosion of ammunition depots toward Corte, in the Cortevole valley, and seriously damaged the enemy's works at Cescassi.

cassi. ir bombardment of Malborgetto, in our hombardment of Maiborgetto, in Carnia, resulted in an explosion in the lower part of the fortress. Further reports of the night attack of Italian Alpinists in the difficult region of the Alps of Volla give details of considerable booty taken there, besides a number of prisoners who were terrorized by the impetus of our troops.

who were terrorized by the impetus of our troops.
Our batteries dispersed a camp of the enemy in the region of Montenero. All prisoners taken near Plava (in the Isonzo region) agree that the Austrian losses up to this time have been serious. Most of the prisoners belonged to regiments heretofore operating against the Serbians.
The Austrians tried yesterday to set the forest of Monfalcone afire, but our troops drove back the enemy and extinguished the flames.

FRENCH STATEMENT.

to the announcement given out las

(Continued from First Page.)

ent European war has taught this country that what was preparedness two years ago is not preparedness now.

Need Not Fear Militarism.

"We are now faced with the ques-"We are now faced with the ques-naval preparedness. At present, he tion," he said, "whether we are in a said, the army and navy defenses of the position to protect our rights. We United States were wholly inadequate position to protect our rights. We need not fear a growth of militarism, but we must have an army and a navy large enough to protect us in our pos-

Prominent Physician Had Been Ill "We are not prepared to stand against a large power. An attack may be long delayed, but now we are fol-lowing the President with bated be long delayed, but now we are following the President with bated breath while he makes his demands upon Germany and Mexico."

Judge Parker said that this country has learned the value of sirships and submarines, and asked if any reasonable person could object to our spending enough money to protect ourselves with foreign countries, and when we have before us the spectacle of the

Move to Awaken People.

"This movement," continued Judge Parker, "is to awaken the people to he fact that we need protection to tion that there will be no more wars the people of this country have de-termined to spend a little to preserve the country for their children and grandchildren."

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Dr. Abbott declared that he was in favor of adequate preparedness as a means of securing lasting peace.

"The people of America," he said, "desire peace to enable them to go on with their business and to perform their duties to themselves, the children and the world. Self-defense is perhaps the first law of nature, but the highest is defense of others. We organize government that the many may protect the individual. If it fails to do this, it fails in its fundamental duty."

Dr. Abbott said the people ought to demand the organization of some council which could lay out a policy that would insure permanent protection to the nation.

Joseph H. Choate honorary presides.

the nation.

Joseph H. Choate, honorary president of the league, in a letter which was read at the meeting, said he favored preparation against any emergency. "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace," Mr. Choate wrote.

For Immediate Preparation.

cians of this city, died at 6:35 o'clock Immediate preparation for a national this morning, at his residence, 329 East defense adequate to meet any eventual-Capitol street, following a long illness. ty was urged by Henry L. Stimson, Dr. Friedrich had been ill for two Secretary of War in the cabinet of years, but with the indomitable courage which was one of his characteris-

age which was one of his characteristics, friends say, he refused to give up, and it was not until several weeks ago that he gave up his active practice and became confined to bed.

The news of the death of Dr. Friedrich came as a shock to friends throughout the city today. He was widely known and loved and had

widely known and loved and had friends in all parts of Washington, not alone in the eastern section, with which he was particularly identified. Funeral services have not been arranged definitely, but will be held Thursday at the home. Interment is to be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Dr. Friedrich was a native of the District of Columbia, having been born here. Seatember 2, 215-27 He was add. in her attacks upon our citizens traveling on the high seas.

Cites Action of Others.

"Under these circumstances, with matters in this condition, what ought we, the American people, to do? What have other neutral nations done when news of the invasion of Beigium, the republic of Switzerland and the kingrensive. The battle for possession of the position near Shavli continues, with alternating success. The town of Shavli has been bombarded with heavy articles, having been a member of the seep hombarded with heavy articles, having been a member of the seep hombarded with heavy articles, having been a member of the seep hombarded with heavy articles, having been a member of the seep hombarded with heavy articles, having been a member of the seep hombarded with heavy articles, having been a member of the seep hombarded with heavy articles, having been a member of the seep hombarded with heavy articles, having been a member of the seep hombarded with heavy articles, having been a member of the seep hombarded with heavy articles, having been a member of the self-tile countries are inviolate, their honor is safe and they stand before the nations of the world as having done their utterfies are inviolate, their honor is safe world the study and the Therapeutic Society of the world as having done their utterfies are inviolate, their honor is safe and they stand before the nations of the world as having done their utterfies are inviolate, their honor is safe and they stand before the nations of the world as having done their utterfies are inviolate, their honor is safe and they stand before the nations of the world as having done their utterfies are inviolate, their honor is safe and they stand before the nations of the world as having done their utterfies are inviolate, their honor is safe and they stand before the nations of the world as having done their utterfies are inviolate, their honor is safe and they stand before the nations of the world as having done their utterfies are inviolate, their honor is safe and they stand before the nations of the world as having done their utterfies are inviolate, their honor is safe and they stand before the nations of the world as having done their utterfies and they stand before the nations of the world as having done their utterfies are inviolate, their honor is safe and they s dom of Holland at once mobilized their troops and guarded their borders. To-

Charles E. Lydecker.

of War, advocating better military an

for war with any first-class power added that "the idea of our get

into war is not altogether chimerical

Few Periods Without War.

their injustice or their folly," he said,

it would be the blindest folly for us to

regulate our conduct upon the assump

eighteen and forty-five was recommend-

ed in the report of the militia committee of the league at the first sessio

yesterday afternoon. National and state laws to this effect should be pass-ed without delay in the opinion of the

taken to strengthen the army and navy, a program that "must bear fruit to-morrow or the day after, not in the distant days of the dim future."

"The peril against which we would furnish a safeguard may well become imminent within time measured by months, rather than by years," said Mr. Bonaparte, "and there is the greater reason to demand an immediate remedy because so much time has been already and so culpably lost through neglect to seek and find a remedy."

It would be the blindest folly for this country to regulate its conduct upon the assumption that there will be no more wars or intrust its destiny to any temporal power but its own, said Jacob M. Dickinson, former Secretary of War, advocating better military and apple of the assumption better military and apple of the secretary. Courses in military education and be affiliated, as a reserve, more closely with the regular army than the Na-tional Guard now is affiliated.

JUNIUS S. MORGAN WEDS MISS LOUISE CONVERSE

Ceremony at Dedham, Mass., Witnessed by Three Hundred Friends and Relatives.

DEDHAM. Mass., June 15 .- Junius Spencer Morgan, son of J. P. Morgan of New York, and Miss Louise Converse, daughter of Frederick S. Converse, a well known composer of Boston, were married at St. Paul's Episcopal Church here at noon. The ceremony was witnessed by about 300 friends and rela

tives. The bride was attended by her sishave before us the spectacle of the ters, Augusta and Marie, and by Miss greatest, bloodiest and most destruc-tive war ever known since time began,

committee, which is headed by Col. Jane Morgan, a sister of the bride

field hygiene should be embodied in Mr. Converse at Westwood followed the curriculum of every college, in the the church service. Elaborate prepa committee's opinion, and the huge en-rollment of citizens, it is urged, should be affiliated, as a reserve, more closely festivities were confined to the house.

William F. Cannon, a deckhand em-ployed on a dredge, was drowned yes-terday while swimming in the Patapsco-river opposite. Fairfield, Anne Arundel county, Md.

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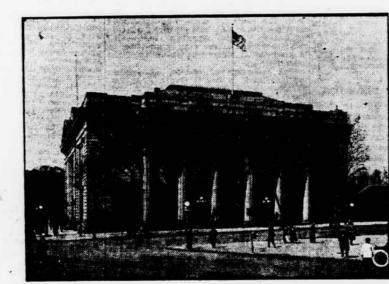


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